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In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

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For: YEAST STRAINS FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID

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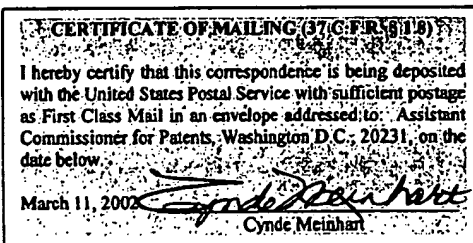
Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add claim 45, as follows:

45 ~~45~~ (New) The process of claim ~~37~~³⁵, wherein recovering comprises distillation of lactic acid or an ester thereof.--



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